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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 September 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 79-169 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 79-169 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 79-169 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hashimoto (6,111,604) in view of Tendler (5,555,286) and further in view of Cheng (5,957,718).

Regarding claims 79-169, Hashimoto discloses a portable handheld multimedia recorder/player/cellular telephone apparatus (See figs. 1A, 1B, 8) comprising: a microcontroller; memory including built-in memory and replaceable memory card for storing audio/video contents wherein the audio/video contents comprises sounds (i.e. music), still images (i.e. picture), combined sound with moving images (video); means for recording and playback from the memory the audio/video contents, wherein means for recording comprises audio recorder including microphone, video recorder including camera; speaker, display, control buttons (playback device is widely known in the art to comprise volume control such as up/down or muting, forward, reverse, pause, etc.) for audio/video playback functions; card socket for receiving, securing and removing the replaceable memory card; means for uploading/downloading (import/export) audio/video contents to/from external systems (i.e. PC or camera or telephones) via wired/wireless connections by utilizing integrated wired/wireless transceivers such as cellular

telephone (See figs. 1A, 1B, 8-16 and col. 3 line 43 to col. 4 line 47, col. 6 line 17 to col. 10 line 40). However, Hashimoto does not explicitly mention that the apparatus further comprises: remote wired microphone (i.e. electronic stethoscope), remote wired headset, a radio, a satellite phone and the external system is Internet; means for connecting (by dialing a pre-stored number) and transmitting stored content including GPS information to external devices based upon activations of sensors such as motion, sound, or smoke sensor, or remote activation signals; and the socket and card configurations as recited in claims. Since Hashimoto does suggest that the apparatus is capable to import/export audio/video contents to and from various types of electronic systems and or devices; therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to configure the apparatus with a remote wired microphone, a remote wired headset, a radio, a satellite phone, and/or Internet upload/download capability for the advantage of expanding the capability of the apparatus to accommodate various user intended uses. Further, since the concept of initiating a system or device to transmit stored content including GPS information to a predetermined external system or device (by dialing a pre-loaded number) based upon activations of sensors or remote activation signals is known in the art as taught by Tendler (See fig. 1 and col. 5 line 50 to col. 8 line 14); therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply the concept of Tendler in modifying the apparatus, as disclosed by Hashimoto, with such activation means (i.e. with smoke, motion, or sound sensor) for the advantage of allowing user to remotely control the device as well as providing various means of

automatically activation for the system. Finally, since Cheng teaches a device for receiving memory card of a portable communication device with the socket and card configurations as recited in claims (See figs. 1, 4-7 and col. 2 line 35 to col. 3 line 58); therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply the teachings of Cheng in modifying the replaceable memory card with its card socket for the advantage of preventing incorrect insertion of the memory card as well as allowing user to judge whether the card is going to be inserted correctly or incorrectly based on the corner-cut of the memory card.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

USPAT (5,257,007 - 5,334,974 - 5,491,507 - 5,666,159 - 5,726,660 - 5,729,197 – 5,742,666 – 5,806,005 – 5,893,037).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to pending claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan A. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-7858. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 10:00AM-6:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Anderson can be reached on (571) 272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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